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1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL A GREECE FORMALLY APPLIED FOR FULL EC MEMBERSHIP ON JUNE 12. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE GREEK APPLICATION, THE GREEK AMBASSADOR TO THE EC, STATHATOS, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER WAS RECEIVING THE AMBASSADORS OF THE EC MEMBER STATES IN ATHENS AND ALSO CONVEYING TO THEM GREECE'S APPLICATION.

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2. AMBASSADOR STATHATOS SAID THAT GREECE BASED ITS APPLI-

CATION ON "ITS FIRM AND CONSIDERED CONVICTION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEK ECONOMY AS WELL AS THE EVOLUTION OF GREECE'S ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY PERMITTED GREECE TO CONTEMPLATE ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE NEARFUTURE." HE AID THAT BEYOND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, GREECE'S APPLICATION WAS BASED ON GREECE'S FIRM ATTACHMENT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH WHICH GREECE SHARES THE SAME IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS. IT WAS ALSO BASED "ON THE IDEA OF A UNITED EUROPE TO WHICH GREECE INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY AND ACTIVELY TO ATTAIN ITS NOBLE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES." HE ADDED IT WAS GREECE'S EARNEST DESIRE TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY IN GREECE WITHIN THE BROADER DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO WHICH GREECE BELONGS POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY.

3. COMMENT: THE GREEK APPLICATION WILL NOT BE EASY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH. AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (RETELS) THERE IS CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE CMMUNITY TO EARLY ACTION ON GREEK MEMBERSHIP AMONG TOTHER THINGS BECAUSE OF THE TURKISH ANGLE. WE ANTICIPATE THE COMMUNITY WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME TO GIVE ANY CONSIDERED RESPONSE TO GREECE. GREENWALD

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